

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 16, 2005. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

OBJECTIONS:

Claims 24 stands objected to. Applicants have amended claim 24 to reflect the correct dependency and therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

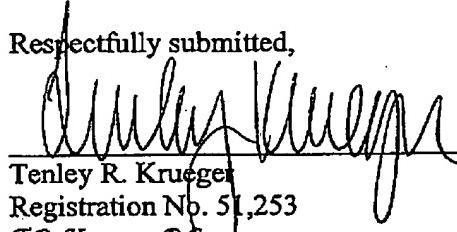
Claims 21-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended such claims and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 21-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,254,394 (*Bothe*) in view of either U.S. Patent No. 6,387,529 (*Peet*) or U.S. Patent No. 6,503,635 (*Kong*). As discussed in the interview, the combination of *Bothe* and *Kong* does not teach, show or suggest a multilayer film having a surface layer (*i.e.*, second polymer) comprising a polymer consisting essentially of a syndiotactic propylene polymer having a melt flow index of less than 2 grams/10 minutes.

Further, as discussed, *Bothe* teaches a high melt flow index syndiotactic polypropylene to achieve both good heat sealing properties and very good optical properties, *i.e.*, high gloss and transparency. (*See*, column 1, lines 52-65 and Examples.) Lower MFI materials generally increase the extruder pressure, thereby reducing the extruder pressure output, which generally results in a stronger but less glossy and transparent film, thereby inhibiting *Bothe* from achieving the desired goal of high gloss and transparency. (*See*, at least *Peete* at column 3, lines 35-41.) Therefore, it would not have been obvious to combine *Bothe* and *Peete*. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

In conclusion, Applicants submit that the references cited in the Office Action, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show, or suggest the claimed features. Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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